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(b) COMCRUDESANTINST 5720.11C of 24 Oct 66
(c) COMDESDIV SIX-TWO ltr ser 3 of 5 Jan 67

Encl: (1) Command History, USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2)

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure (1)
is forwarded herewith.

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Part I Chronology of Highlights

3 - 21 Jan Operational Readiness Inspection in Jacksonville operating area.

26 Jan CDR Roy F. HOFFMANN, USN, relieved CDR Robert R. MONROE, USN, as Commanding Officer.

15 Feb Departed Charleston, South Carolina to deploy to SIXTH FLEET.

21-22 Feb Visited and refueled in Ponta del Gata, Azores.

24 Feb Reported to CINUSNAVEUR for duty.

25 Feb Turnover in Palma, Mallorca.

28 Feb - 3 Mar Exercise FAIRGAME IV, US/French Bilateral exercise.

2 Mar Rescued French Naval Air pilot Lieutenant de Vaisseau L. Bernard BIROT after he had bailed out of his Entendard aircraft.

7-14 Mar Visited Baelona, Spain.

16 Mar MISSILEX 10-66 with USS TATTNALL and SEMMES at Mediterranean Missile Range.

19 Mar WARMEX 1-66 with USS SARATOGA, TATTNALL and SEMMES.

22 Mar Fleet Commander's Conference, Toronto, Italy.

23-28 Mar Visited Bari, Italy.

28-31 Mar Visited Brindisi, Italy.

31 Mar - 5 Apr Task Group 60.2 exercises in AAW and ASW.

9-12 Apr Visited Casablanca, Morocco.

13-14 Apr Refueled/visited Gibraltar.

15-20 Apr Escort/planeguard USS INTREPID (CVS-11)

22-26 Apr Unit of TU 437.0.2 for MEDTACEX 5-66.

26-28 Apr Task Group 60.2 operations.

29 Apr-3 May Visited Alexandroupolis, Greece.

4-10 May Visited Kavalla, Greece.

11 May ASW Free-Play with USS TENCH and SABLEFISH.

12-20 May Task Group Ops with TG 60.1 and TG 60.2
21-22 May AAWEX 60 with USS AMERICA, ALBANY and TATTNALL.
24 May-1 June Visited Istanbul
3-17 June TAV Naples, Italy
21 June MISSILEX 13-66 with USS ALBANY, TATTNALL AND SEMMES.
24-30 June Visited Palma, Mallorca
1 Jul Turnover, Pollensa Bay, Mallorca. Underway for CONUS
with USS AMERICA, TATTNALL, and SEMMES.
6 Jul OPEN OCEAN MISSILEX with USS AMERICA, TATTNALL, SEMMES.
11 Jul Arrived Charleston, South Carolina.
19 Jul - 31 Dec-ROH Charleston Naval Shipyard

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that ADAMS visited them alone and they are seldom-visited ports by U. S. warships. ADAMS then escorted USS INTREPID (CVS-11) as part of Task Group 60.3 half way across the Med. on her way to Vietnam.

Once in the Eastern Basin of the Mediterranean Sea, CHARLES F. ADAMS distinguished herself as an excellent ASW ship in a large NATO operation called MEDTACEX 5-66.² During this exercise she had the opportunity of working with the Greek destroyers PIRPOLITIS and NAVARINON, the French frigate Le BEARNAIS and cruiser COLBERT, and the British destroyers GALATEA and LONDON as well as the American destroyers JOSEPH P. KENNEDY and MOALE, as part of Task Group 437.0. This very rewarding exercise was followed by two visits to Greek ports. The first was an independent stay in Alexandroupolis, a friendly little town which outdid itself in cordiality. The second was with the USS ALBANY (CG-10) in Kavalla. After operating as a unit of Task Group 60.1 with USS AMERICA (CVA-66), the ALBANY, TATTNALL and a number of other American destroyers, she visited Istanbul. The visit turned out to be a memorable one for all the men of Task Group 60.1.

ADAMS then made her way back to the Western Basin where she undertook extensive operations with USS SARATOGA (CVA-60) and USS ALBANY (CG-10). After a period of type training she again went to the French Mediterranean missile range with the ALBANY, SEMMES, and TATTNALL for another missile exercise. ADAMS fired one missile in this exercise and scored a direct hit on the target drone.

From there ADAMS proceeded with her two sister ships to Palma, Mallorca, Spanish Balearic Islands, for what all concerned agreed to be the most enjoyable six days of the deployment. After Palma it was off to Pollensa

Bay, also on Mallorca, for turnover. All hands happily welcomed the crew of USS LUCE (PLG-7) as did those of AMERICA welcome the INDEPENDENCE, those of TATTNALL the FARRAGUT, and those of SEMMES the K. D. BAILEY. After turnover the AMERICA and her three escorts departed the Mediterranean and the SIXTH FLEET to return to the United States as Task Group 26.1.3.

While enroute from the SIXTH FLEET the four ships staged another highly successful missile exercise in which ADAMS fired one missile. This was a new type of exercise, carried out in mid-ocean rather than at a regular weapons range, and was highly successful in proving the feasibility of the open ocean missile exercise concept. Soon after the exercise ADAMS and the other members of DESDIV SIX TWO were detached, and arrived in Charleston on 11 July 1966.

On 19 July, having off-loaded ammunition at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Charleston, the ship entered Charleston Naval Shipyard for her regular overhaul. During the overhaul some much-needed repairs were made to her engines and the rest of the ship in general. Improvements were effected in the TARTAR missile system, SONAR system, and communications and electronics warfare equipment. ADAMS enjoyed the Christmas/New Year's holidays in port with the end of overhaul in sight.

Footnotes: 1 - See Messages 020815Z Mar 66
020845Z Mar 66
021830Z Mar 66 and
031245Z Mar 66 in appendix

2 - See Messages 221526Z Apr 66
240727Z Apr 66
261000Z Apr 66
261005Z Apr 66 and
261140Z Apr 66 in appendix.